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Malcolm X: A Cry of War and Peace

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Malcolm X is now an independent operator in the service of Allah and black nationalism. Ousted as No. 2 man in the Black Muslim movement, he struck a fresh pose of militancy yesterday, urging Negroes to buy guns and form rifle-clubs for self-defense wherever they are not fully protected.

Predicting more racial violence in 1964 than ever before, he declared that "the time has come for the American Negro to fight back in self-defense whenever and wherever he is being unjustly attacked."

And the non-violent approach of civil rights groups, he dismissed by saying: "It is criminal to teach a man not to defend himself when he is the constant victim of brutal attacks."

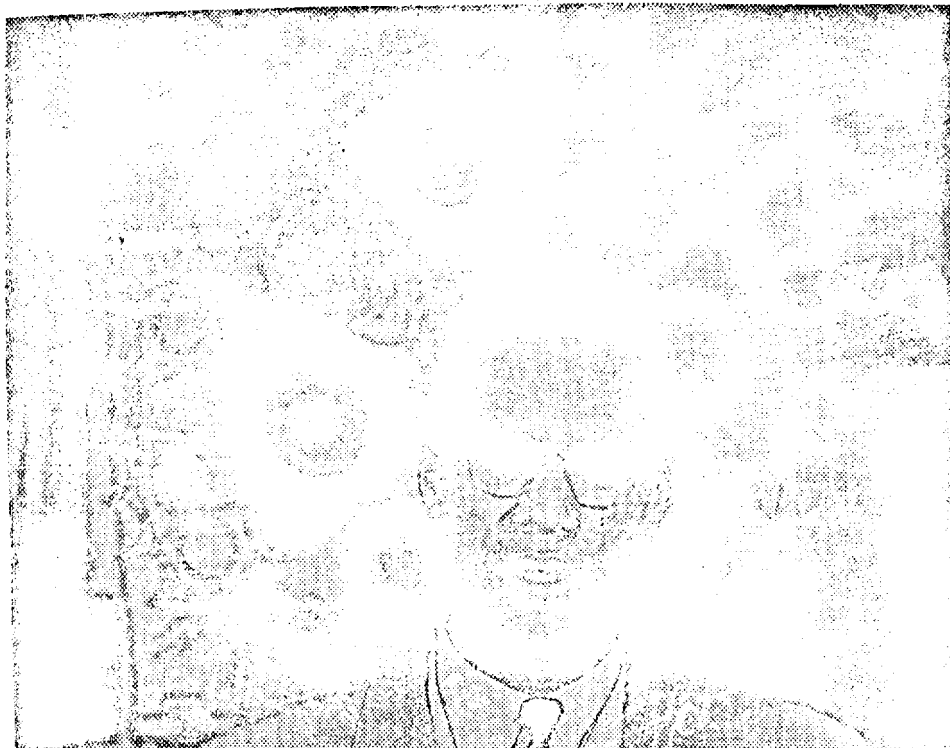
But the tall, muscular leader with a close-cropped head, a razor wit and a quick smile, had some olive branches to wave, at least for Negroes. He did so standing in front of a modern tapestry in a room at the Park Sheraton. He called a

press conference to clarify his position, now that he is disassociated from Elijah Muhammad's group that is formally styled the Nation of Islam.

First, he intends to seek a "common approach" with other Negro leaders and organizations, despite sharp differences, in an effort to combat such problems as alcoholism, drug addiction and prostitution. "As of this minute, I've forgotten everything bad that the other leaders have said about me," he said, "and I pray they can also forget the many bad things I've said about them."

Second, he will organize a new apparatus, to be known as the Muslim Mosque, Inc. that will provide for the participation of non-Muslims in political, economic and social programs, "despite their religious and non-religious beliefs."

It will work, he said to control community politics and "will organize to sweep out of office all Negro politicians who are puppets for the outside forces." A temporary headquarters has been set up in the Theresa Hotel, 2090 Seventh Ave., in Harlem.



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MALCOLM X at his press conference at the Park Sheraton here yesterday.